

theWI Guernsey

MEMBERS MAGAZINE

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Sunset at Cobo

Congratulations to our newest WI the
'Go Guetters WI' at the Cobo Community Centre

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FEDERATION CHAIR

I can't quite believe that the clocks are changing, the dark nights are really starting to draw in and Christmas is looming large.

It has been a really busy month for the Trustees team as we made preparations to open a new WI in Cobo.

We had the opportunity to meet some prospective members during a couple of coffee mornings at the Cobo tea rooms, who were interested in forming a committee and hey presto the 'Go Guetters WI' was formed but more on that later.

St Johns quiz night and the Bailiwick Belles Bonanza were both successes with the Arts and Homecrafts foam flower course topping off a busy month.

Thank you to all those members who completed our AGM survey. The feedback has been really useful and we are pleased that the results show you really like the new format. We shall be starting to arrange next years event and ask that anyone who can help please put yourself forward as this is a big event and needs lots of help to pull it all together!

I would like to congratulate La Mare de Carteret WI who have celebrated their 50th year anniversary this month.

I shall be away on holiday from 19th November for a month so need to put the December issue to bed early. Please send any items you wish included straight after your meeting.

Corrina

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Closing date for items for the next issue is **Friday 15 November**

2024 COFFEE MORNINGS - 21ST OF THE MONTH

Each month, Bailiwick Belles meet for coffee and a chat on the 21st. The day and venues are set out in the table below. They meet at 10.30am. ALL WELCOME

November	Thursday	Le Friquet
December	Saturday	The Kiln

DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Date / Date	Event
Thursday 31 st October	Silent Book Club
Saturday 9 th November	Learn to make Dorset Buttons
Thursday 21 st November	Bailiwick Belles coffee morning at Le Friquet
Thursday 28 th November	Silent Book Club
Thursday 28 th November	Darts
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Craft Day
Saturday 21 st December	Bailiwick Belles coffee morning at The Kiln
Saturday 26 th April	Guernsey WI AGM
Wednesday 4 th June	NFWI Virtual AGM

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Saturday 7th December
at Les Camps Methodist Church
Hall, St Martins

Cost £15 per session - £25 for both
Including all materials + light
refreshments

Morning featuring these crafts and
lots of others too
10-12:30 - £15

Afternoon featuring these crafts and
lots of others too
1:30-4 - £15



Fancy Card Bauble



Material Flowers



Ring Tree Decoration



Felt Reindeer



Card lantern with light



Table Decoration



Quilling Star



Felt Gnome

Limited spaces so please book as
soon as possible to ensure you are
included. Contact by email or phone

BOOK NOW

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SILENT BOOK CLUB – CHANGE OF DATE – 31ST OCTOBER



The library have changed the date for the October Silent Book club which is now on Thursday 31st October from 6.30-8.30pm. Why not come along, just bring your own book or pick one up at the library. Everyone Welcome

If you can't make this month then join them on 28th November.

Refreshments provide by Guernsey WI.

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE – BOOK NOW

LEARN TO MAKE DORSET BUTTONS – 9TH NOVEMBER 2024



A Dorset button is a style of craft made button originating in the English county of Dorset. These buttons make beautiful embellishments for clothing, purses and even furniture.

This course will be held at the Castel Douzaine room from 10am-12pm. Cost £15 – includes kit and refreshments.

Contact Rose Polli to book tel 245612

SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB – 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

Why not take some time out for yourself and spend one whole day a month crafting? We are at the Castel Douzaine from around 9.45am – 4pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but bring along your own lunch. Cost is £15. All welcome.

Contact Rose Polli to book.

rosemob@lobster.nu

DO YOU HAVE ANY WI TROPHYS?



We are asking all members who currently hold WI trophies to please hand them into your committee (all except darts trophy's).

If you have not had a chance to have it engraved please put details on a piece of paper and we will arrange for the engraving.

CAN YOU HELP ORGANISE THE 2025 AGM?

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning of our 2025 AGM on 26th April.

If you can help please contact either

Mel Robert – moby@cwgsy.net

Anita Walker – anita@cwgsy.net

'GO GUETTERS WI' – GUERNSEY'S NEWEST WI

The weather was ominous on 21st October in the morning, but the evening was beautiful and this set the tone for when 50 women descended on the Cobo Community Centre for the formation of Guernsey's newest WI.

After lots of Facebook advertising as well as banner adverts in 'The List' plus a 'suggest a name' promotion, the interest exceeded our expectations.



It was a pleasure for Island Chair Corrina Walker to introduce Megan Hall (right) and Selina Moodliar (left) who are taking on the roles of Joint Presidents and have great ideas and lots of enthusiasm for this new venture.

After initial introductions and a little information about the WI, guests had the opportunity to make a gift card. It was then

time for the main attraction of selecting a name.



Everyone who came along voted for their favourite name from the 40 that had been suggested by islanders. This was whittled down to the top five.

34 new members signed up on the night along with 3 dual members and voted 'Go Guetters' WI as their name. It was a really close call as there was only one vote between that and Cobo Alice WI.

Fran Torode suggested the 'Go Guetters' name and a bottle of champagne is winging its way to her as winner of our name competition.

With established members on hand to answer any questions the 'Go Guetters' enjoyed a fun and friendly evening - with many more to come!

Congratulations ladies you have joined our WI family here in Guernsey.

FOR THOSE WI'S WHO WISH TO SUPPORT THE 'GO GUETTERS' WITH A DONATION, PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT TO 'GIFWI' AND SEND TO ROSE, OUR ISLAND TREASURER.

NEWS FROM WI'S

CATEL WI



In October Castel WI welcomed Anne Kinch, her subject was Eating for Health. Eating well helps you to manage to stay well, manage your health, weight, wellbeing and to eat according to the different stages of life. Women need at least 2000 calories a day. When looking on packages in the aisles when shopping look at the per 100g column and the sugar intake, it should be less than 10g for healthy eating, it's amazing what you think might be healthy isn't. Supermarkets have a way of making items appear appealing, with bright colours and bold lettering, those at eye level will be the well named brands and are aimed at adults, those on the lower shelves, especially chocolate related are at the eye level for children, no surprise there. Whatever you wish to eat though exercise is important, even if it's just a few minutes a day.

MARE DE CARTERET WI

La Mare de Carteret WI on tour (again!)



On Monday 16th September our intrepid travellers took off again on another extravaganza to the UK. Following last years successful trip, courtesy of the West Yorkshire WI Federation, this year it was the turn of the Gloucestershire WI Federation to organise and invite other WI's on a four day visit to the Cotswolds. Staying at a beautiful four-star hotel just outside Gloucester, we were taken to a number of places of interest including the beautiful Gloucester cathedral, Beckford Silk Farm, Cirencester, the Cotswold Farm Park, that is featured on the BBC Countryfile programme and Chevanage House, where programmes such as Poldark and The Famous Five have been filmed. Whilst at the Cotswold Farm Park, not only did we see our famous Royal Guernsey Goats, but also by chance some of us were lucky enough to meet and have our photo taken with Adam Henson. A lovely week away that coincided with beautiful weather.



MARE DE CARTERET LIBERATION BUNTING

Another group took on the task of putting bunting together for the Liberation Bunting project. We look forward to seeing them next year flying high.



50 YEARS AND COUNTING - CONGRATULATIONS

La Mare de Carteret celebrated their 50th Anniversary this October with a special celebratory cake and bubbles.



They will be continuing their celebrations with a meal out as well.

BAILIWICK BELLES WI



BBWI decided to support Pink Ladies with their fundraising as breast cancer has affected several members of the group directly and their loved ones.

The Bonanza saw a lot of people on the day – there was a queue around the building before the doors opened.

A BIG thank you to everyone that supported by donating items and coming along on the day. The refreshments included lots of delicious cakes made by BBWI members and the raffle stall was particularly busy!

A total of just over £500 has been donated to Pink Ladies to help purchase medical equipment and items, to support local ladies undergoing breast cancer treatment such as drip bags, wigs and prosthetics and they also donated a 42" TV for the Pink Ladies annual raffle.

FOLKLORE TALES



BBWI had a talk this month on Guernsey Folklore with Jo May (an accredited Tour Guide). Such an interesting talk on the history of witches of the Island & and how witchcraft was used.

Amongst the tales, the group heard about Aimee Lake who was the last witch to be captured in 1914, with the death penalty by burning at the stake. As it was no longer in place she was imprisoned for 8 days.

The group also learned about the myth of the origin of the streams & fountains of Guernsey. St Patrick & St George wanted to both live in Guernsey so they fought for the right. St George drove a stake into the Ground and the Island was gifted streams. St Patrick removed all the nasty venomous spiders and snakes and took them to Jersey – Who knows how true this is.....

One of the highlights was a Folklore Poem of the ladies of the Parishes (just a bit of fun!)

A Folklore Poem:- *The Parish Maidens*

The Town girls
Aren't they handsome!
The girls from St Sampsons
Fine to go sand-eeling with
The girls from the Vale
Always ready to tease
The girls from the Castel
Always ready for laughter
The girls from St Saviours
Are always in good mood
The girls from St Peters
Ah, they are always crying
The girls from Torteval
Truly they have horses feet
The girls from the Forest
My! They are ugly
The girls from St Martins
As stupid as rabbits
The girls from St Andrews
Will always be left on the shelf!

BBWI BONANZA



ST JOHN WI



For St John's October meeting, they had a talk from the Guernsey Welfare service. It was very interesting to learn about all the different services that are offered to the community.

St John also donated a very large amount of groceries to this very good cause.



Can't be a WI meeting without Tea & biscuits!

ST JOHNS QUIZ- WINNERS



And the winners are: Team **'Are we there yet!'**, made up of Fran Torode, Claire Raines, Liz Daish and Joyce Du Port. There was a fantastic raffle and an excellent quiz run by Ali Amy.

GYWI



GYWI held their AGM. Tania Bodsworth (above right) was thanked by all present for agreeing to be their President for another year!

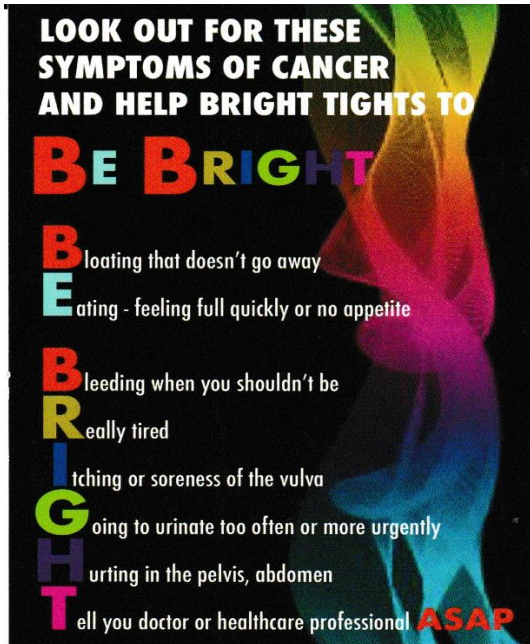
SAUSMAREZ WI

Jo Le Noury from the Charity Bright Tights came to speak to Sausmarez WI about gynaecological cancers at their October meeting.

Although it could have been a very sensitive topic she made it fun and a lively discussion ensued.

Members even donned bright tights for the evening.





SAVIOURS WI



Their monthly meeting saw Tim Slann, R.N. Retired, give members a fascinating talk and slide show about his life in the Royal Navy up to and including his time in the Falklands War. He also spoke about his return to the Falkland Islands this summer to visit the locals, including the King Penguins.



ST SAVIOURS COFFEE MORNING RAISING FUNDS FOR AUTISM GUERNSEY



St Saviours W.I also held a coffee morning on Saturday 19 October at the home of Pat Swash in support of its charity of the year, Autism Guernsey.

A cheque for £200 was handed to Maryke and Jenny from the charity.



**DARTS LEAGUE NEXT EVENT
THURS 28 NOVEMBER @
7PM – WITH POT LUCK
SUPPER**

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

Next darts night will include a Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a plate of food for sharing, as well as your own plate(s) and cutlery.

STANDINGS AFTER 24 OCT

	W	L	POINTS
Mare de Carteret A	5	2	12
Bailiwick Belles	4	2	10
Mare de Carteret B	4	1	9
Catel	4	3	11
GYWI A	4	2	10
St Johns	4	3	11
Mare de Carteret C	3	2	8
GYWI B	3	4	10
GYWI C	3	4	10
St Saviours A	3	4	10
St Saviours C	1	6	8
St Saviours B	1	6	4

You can see all the matches and results using this link which goes to a dedicated website page:

<https://playpass.com/go/R5AiQr9>

Well done to everyone who dressed up for our Halloween Darts – particular call out to Bailiwick Belles who all looked amazing #truecolours



HIGH SCORES

26/09/2024	Wendy Anthony	130
24/10/2024	Jenny Le Noury	125
24/10/2024	Pam Preece	118
26/09/2024	Hayley Le Tocq	116

FUTURE DARTS DATES

- 23rd January 2025
- 27th February 2025
- 27th March 2025
- 24th April 2025
- 22nd May 2025 (Team & Individual Knockout, Winners Presentation & Pot Luck Supper)

DARTS RAFFLE

Each month, we ask that different groups are responsible for the raffle – providing prizes and running it on the night. Costs can be reclaimed.

- 28 Nov 2024 St Saviour’s
- 23 Jan 2025 Bailiwick Belles
- 27 Feb 2025 St John’s
- 27 Mar 2025 C atel
- 24 Apr 2025 St Saviour’s
- 22 May 2025 Mare de Carteret

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS – THE RESULTS OF OUR AGM SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey – we had 78 responses with the overwhelming feedback confirming you really like the new format.

20 members had not attended the new format with the majority stating either they did not want to attend a whole day event or it was on an inconvenient day/time. We are therefore looking at various options and may well alternate between a full day and evening AGM going forward.

The overall enjoyment score was 4.6 out of 5 with 55 members stating it was good value/ happy to pay more.

Some of the comment we received.

Maybe shorter- but I think that might affect what can be fitted in

More involvement from other WI's

Make them shorter or change to an evening

Enjoy the interactive activities

The arts and crafts (in 2022) were good

More crafts to take part in

A 'star' speaker, maybe every 3 years or so which would be a huge attraction, but not as costly as doing annually.

Name tags. A bit tribal I know! But helpful

OTHER NEWS

CAN YOU HELP AT THE SALVATION ARMY CAFÉ IN ST SAMPSONS



Joyce du Port (Trustee and President of St Johns WI) regularly volunteers at the café and they are in need of help!!

Particularly on a Tuesday, but other days too. It would be great to have the extra help and great fun at the same time.

Please contact Joyce on 07781 435100 or joyceduport@gmail.com for details

GUERNSEY QUIZ

A selection of questions from 'The Bailiwick of Guernsey Quiz Book' – Richard Le Barry

1. What was the name of the hermit that lived at Pleinmont with his goats
2. He lived in a bunker.....what was it called?
3. Who was the last person to be hanged in Guernsey
Where is the fairy ring
4. What was the name of the fictional guernsey man who lived at chouet,

- immortalised in a book set in the
20th century
5. Which animals were said to have escaped from guernsey zoo in 1960s
 6. Which animal was depicted on the guernsey silver three penny piece
 7. When is budloe night celebrated in Guernsey
 8. What is the common name for Chateau de Rocquaine
 9. What was the name of the little local Girl who it said had healing powers
 10. Where is cow lane
 11. Where would you find la gran mere du chiminique
 12. What was the golden spur
 13. Which iconic London building has steps made from Guernsey granite
 14. What type of clothing made in Guernsey did Mary queen of Scot's & Elizabeth 1st wear?
Knitted stockings

Answers next month